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SUBJECT: INDONESIAN MINDEF ON INDO-YUGOSLAVIAN
MILITARY COOPERATION

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1. FOLLOWING HIS RECENT VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA (SEE REFTTEL), THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND SECURITY GENERAL PANGGABEAN ANNOUNCED TO THE PRESS THAT THE GOI WAS "EXPLORING" THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING MILITARY COOPERATION WITH YUGOSLAVIA, WHICH WOULD CONSIST PRIMARILY OF STUDYING THE FEASIBILITY OF, AND EVENTUALLY ESTABLISHING, CO-PRODUCTION FACILITIES IN INDONESIA FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF AS YET UNSPECIFIED MILITARY EQUIPMENT. FOR THIS PURPOSE, PANGGABEAN CONTINUED, YUGOSLAVIA IS PLANNING TO SEND A MISSION TO INDONESIA IN DECEMBER, 1977.

2. PANGGABEAN ALSO DISCUSSED WITH YUGOSLAV OFFICIALS PLANS TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL SPARE PARTS AND AMMUNITION FOR ITS YUGOSLAV-ORIGIN MILITARY EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING THE IL-29 JET RAINER. PANGGABEAN ALSO REPORTEDLY DISPATCHED A TEAM TO PRAGUE TO TAKE UP THE QUESTION OF PURCHASING MILITARY SPARE PARTS FROM CZECHOSLAVAKIA.

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3. ANOTHER MAJOR PURPOSE FOR HIS VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA, PANGGABEAN SAID, WAS "TO OBSERVE FROM CLOSE QUARTERS THE PRINCIPLES APPLIED IN THE YUGOSLAVIAN SYSTEM OF TOTAL PEOPLE'S DEFENSE AND WARFARE." IN ADDITION TO REGULAR YUGOSLAV FORCES, THERE WERE ALSO "TERRITORIAL TROOPS" PERMANENTLY STATIONED IN THE PROVINCES, A PHENOMENON NOT

UNLIKE THAT WHICH EXISTS IN INDONESIA. YUGOSLAVIA, PANGGABEAN SAID, ALSO HAS AN INTEGRATED CIVILIAN/MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM "ALL POINTING TO THE FACT THAT THE COUNTRY'S TOTAL PEOPLE'S WARFARE SYSTEM HAS INDEED REACHED A HIGH LEVEL OF ORGANIZATION". THIS, PANGGABEAN IMPLIED, OFFERED OPPORTUNITES TO COMPARE NOTES AND PERHAPS LEARN FROM THE YUGOSLAV EXPERIENCE.

4. COMMENT: IN COMPARISON TO INDONESIA'S MILITARY COOPERATION WITH WESTERN NATIONS, ITS COOPERATION WITH YUGOSLAVIA IS MINISCULE. THIS RELATIONSHIP IS SIGNIFICANT, HOWEVER, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF INDONESIA'S RELATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST BLOC, AND APPEARS TO BE MODERATELY EXPANDING. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY BELGRADE'S COMMENTS ON YUGOSLAVIA'S VISS OF THIS RELATIONSHIP. FURTHER DETAILS ON ANY MILITARY AGREEMENTS REACHED WOULD ALSO BE APPRECIATED. END COMMENT. MASTERS

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